

BUSINESS & FINANCE NOTES



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Welcome to the second edition where we continue to provide resources and tid bits of information about our division and the University. Enjoy!



Did you know?

Heritage Hall, Once a Gymnasium is now a Pillar of Sustainability.

Heritage Hall is the original building of WMU. The first building to house the Western State Normal School began construction in 1904 and was completed in November 1905. Currently known as the Alumni Center, this building has been through many changes over years. At one point there was a trolley that traveled the height of Prospect Hill so students and staff would not have to climb the many stairs. In 2015, this building underwent a massive renovation and currently holds the only Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) Platinum Certification on campus. Check out our [Links of Interest](#) for more.

What is the Western Michigan Industrial Hygiene Society?

Student, employee, and visitor safety is guided by Local, State, and Federal laws. The programs are written to ensure the safety and well-being of those at WMU and are guided by those within the Environmental Health and Safety Department (EHS). EHS monitors everything from asbestos exposure and ergonomics to stormwater management and proper disposal of hazardous materials. Jake Woods is the current President of the Western Michigan Industrial Hygiene Society (WMIHS), which is the local unit of the American Industrial Hygiene Society. The WMIHS was formed in 1980 and WMU has been involved since its inception. WMIHS is a group of professionals who use a scientific approach in determining employee exposure to contaminants and ensure necessary and environmental regulations are being followed. See [Links of Interest](#) for more.

And Did you know?

WMU Public Safety Offers Self Defense to Staff, Faculty, and Students?



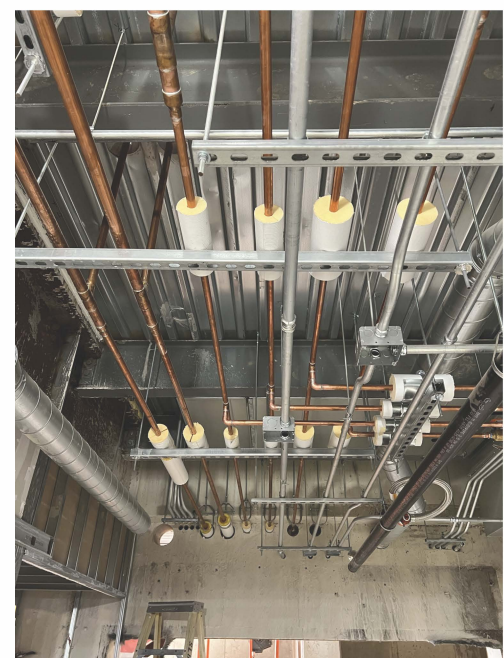
WMU Public Safety conducts training for several groups and organizations throughout the year and they offer them for the Bronco community as well. Join Karmella on April 20, 3:00-5:30 in room 208 in the Bernhard Center. They provide mats and bags. You should bring water and a snack. This two-part training will cover situational awareness, self-defense strategies, and tools. They will address Michigan law, the WMU Weapons Policy, and the “Run, Hide, Fight” concept in the first segment. The second part dives into the physical techniques. Some require you to get close to your partner, so sign up with a friend. You should dress to move. Space is limited to 20 participants. Sign up now with Sergeant Hastings: victoria.hastings@wmich.edu or through [Experience WMU](#).

Tools, Hardware, Light Bulbs, Batteries, & Much More Oh My...

Did you know that nestled in the Campus Services Building (CSB) is WMU’s Maintenance Stores that contains over 8,000 items available for purchase. Some may say it is WMU’s version of a mini Home Depot. Maintenance Stores is equipped to be your primary source to obtain almost everything you require for small, medium, or large projects. You can search for items & check inventory availability online at the following link (you will need to sign in using your Bronco Net Id & Password): <https://www.fm.wmich.edu/ap/techweb/partslist>. So, the nexttime you need an item, remember to check the Maintenance Store first.

Dunbar Hall Using Miles of Copper Tubing for Heat?

Dunbar Hall was originally built 5½ stories tall with 78,000 square feet and began renovation in 2019. After a brief hold on the project and being stripped to its structural skeleton, the project is back on track for a January 2024 completion. Fun fact: Hydronic heating and cooling is an economical process using copper tubing and water to heat and/or cool spaces. Dunbar Hall will have around 30,000 feet of copper hydronic piping within its 89,000-square-foot renovation. That is approximately 5.6 miles of copper piping. The Mackinac Bridge is a mere 5 miles. Visit the [Links of Interest](#) for more.



Copper piping in Dunbar Hall

MEET YOUR COLLEAGUES!

Robert M. Beam Power Plant



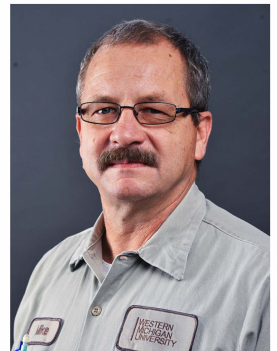
George Jarvis

George holds a bachelor's degree in Mechanical engineering from WMU. He began his career one week after graduation in 1979 as an "Energy Engineer." In 1984 George received his Professional Engineers license and contributed to the first computer-controlled heating and air conditioning system that was installed in the Bernhard Center. In 1994 when WMU gained possession of the Power Plant, George accepted the position of Director. George was instrumental in implementing Robert Beam's vision for the Plant to be a source of cost-effective, efficient, and sustainable power.

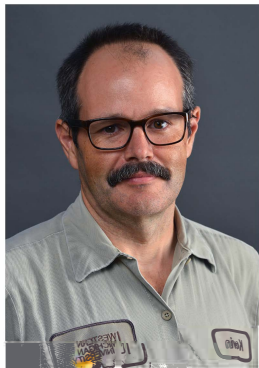
George enjoys riding his bike to work and around campus for appointments.

Michael was a student at WMU and wrestled for the Broncos from 1979-1981. He graduated with a Bachelor's Degree in Industrial and Technical Education and a Master's Degree in Career and Technical Education. He then worked in the paper and automotive industries in power plant, facilities, and maintenance planning before returning to WMU in 1996. Since that time, he has been a Chief Operating Engineer at Robert M. Beam Power Plant.

Michael enjoys his free time outside in the fresh air or shooting pool. He is also a member of the [WMU Varsity W Club](#).



Michael Walden



Kevin Bridges

Kevin earned an Associate's Degree in Marine Engineering from Great Lakes Maritime Academy in 1993 and a US Coast Guard Unlimited Horsepower Steam and Motor License. He sailed on Great Lakes Bulk Freighters as a 3rd Assistant Engineer for 5 years. Kevin started with WMU in 2011 as a Utility Tech, and in 2016, completed the apprenticeship program becoming a Journeyman Powerhouse Electrician. The following year he was promoted to his current position of Assistant Chief Operating Engineer. He is also a member of the Training Committee.

Kevin spends much of his time enjoying his summer cabin and mountain biking.

Art has been with Western for 18 years with the Robert M. Beam Power Plant. He advanced through the ranks to his current position as Crew Leader. Each day this role offers new challenges and problem-solving opportunities which require a diverse skill set. Art earned his Power Plant Electrician Certification through Kellogg Community College and has completed the National Institute for the Uniform Licensing of Power Engineers (NIULPE) third-class license. NIULPE is the only Internationally Recognized third-party certifier of power engineering qualifications in the United States.

In his free time, Art enjoys honing his woodworking skills and riding motorcycles.



Art Priest

If you are interested in participating in this segment, please reach out to Karmella Todd. Otherwise, don't be surprised if she knocks on your door asking for participation.



Miller Auditorium Celebrates 55 years of Presenting Live Entertainment!

Built on land once occupied by a 9-hole golf course, Miller Auditorium has ushered more than four million patrons through its doors. People come to see Broadway tours, Dance Companies, Comedians, Illusionists, Acrobats, Musical performances of every variety, and more. Miller hosts graduation ceremonies for local high schools, and other colleges and approximately 135,000 WMU graduates have crossed the Miller stage. The Kalamazoo Concert Band, Gilmore Piano Festival, WMU School of Music, and the Kalamazoo Symphony Orchestra draw crowds to the Miller stage annually. Miller Auditorium opened its doors to the public on January 12, 1968.



Miller Auditorium Summer of 1968

Just a Thought

One of my first tasks after joining the University was to research Kanley Chapel. History is fascinating. The more bizarre or out of the ordinary the better. I'm sure those of you who have been with the University already know of the 72 windows designed by talented students and then brought to full beauty in stained glass by donors and a world-renowned stained-glass artist. If not, you should really take a moment to check those out. One interesting tidbit I found about this building is that it was a community project. Folks from every part of the community took part in bringing this building to life, from conception right down to the candles. A young girl even came to paint a mural in the entry every day during the summer. What a community gift.

Snyder, Sherwood. The Windows of Kanley Memorial Chapel / Sherwood Snyder.
[publisher not identified], 2014.

Upcoming Events

March 21 - How to Have a Civil Conversation
(4402 Sangren Hall)

April 7 - The Play That Goes Wrong
(Gilmore Theatre Complex)

Links of Interest

wmich.edu/facilities/design/furniture

wmich.edu/ehs

<https://wmudps.wmich.edu/training-info.php>

www.fm.wmich.edu/ap/techweb/partslist

wmich.edu/capitalprojects/dunbarrenovation

millerauditorium.com/

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